

The Power of a United Church

Today – I want to show you how Easter changed everything and shaped the first Christian community.

1. The Resurrection focused the message: “with great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection.”
2. The Resurrection changed how they looked and did everything in their lives.

Acts 4:32-35

This radical sharing was a result of:

1. A unity revealed through a passionate commitment to the mission John 20:21; Acts 4:33

“Much grace was upon them” (Acts 4:33)

This kind of unity is not based on common feelings but on a cause bigger than themselves

2. A Deep unity – one of heart and mind (32a); Phil. 2:2; Ephesians 4:3; Romans 15:5-6; Galatians 5:13

The Community Life of Christians is never an end in itself

- A healthy Christian church is a community in _____

- To advance this mission, the church _____

of one another

- Some _____ are made (v. 34-35)

This is not legislated – done _____

- _____ of the group is not the issue – the focus was _____ of _____